which responded to the tenders for these projects;

(d) if any company has been selected for award, its name, order value, project completion schedule, scope of work involved and benefits to ONGC in terms of production increase; and

(e) the expenditure involved in each of the above projects and tentative dates when they are to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Acquiring of Heli-Rigs

3459. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC or Oil India are planning to acquire Heli-rigs, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the present stage of the Heli-rigs project; and

(c) what will be the cost of each Heli-rig and who are the suppliers of these Heli-rigs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) ONGC propose to acquire one TBA rig which can also be transported by helicopter, if required. The technical bids received against ONGC's tender were opened on 1.2.88 and the bidders conference would be held on 25-29.3.1988.

(c) The cost of the rig as estimated by ONGC would be Rs. 10 crore approximately. The following firms have shown interest in the tender:—

1. BHEL, India.
2. Triveni Structural, India.
3. National Oil Well, USA.
4. IPS Cardwell, USA.
5. Branham Industries, USA.
6. Soil Mac Drilling & Foundation Eqpt. Italy.
7. M/s. Ferrostaal, USA.
8. Industrial Export Import, Romania.

Categorisation of Industries

3460. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have categorised the industries which need immediate modernisation, those which can wait for a few years and the industries which will need to be modernised after 7 to 10 years, if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) which industries in particular need immediate steps for modernisation to be able to become competitive in the international market and what steps are being taken by Government to modernise them;

(c) which infrastructural industries need immediate modernisation to become competitive, judging from international standards; and

(d) what are the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a)to (d) From time to time, certain industries are selected for modernisation programme taking into account various factors including the state of indigenous

technology, the need for improving quality and competitiveness. During 1987-88, a special programme of technological upgradation was launched and the following capital goods industries were selected:

"Machine Tools, Power Generating Equipment, Castings and Forgings, Selected Industrial Machinery items and Electrical Equipment."

In the Budget for 1988-89, in order to promote competitiveness and exports, concessional duty for import of capital goods has been announced in respect of the following industries:—

"Bicycle, Leather, Woollen, Silk; Tea, Garment and Hosiery and Gem and Jewellery."

In addition, concessional import duty on import of capital goods for the roller bearing industry has also been granted in order to improve quality and competitiveness.

Employment of Local people in public sector units in Madhya Pradesh

3461. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment of central public sector in Madhya Pradesh todate;

(b) what is their annual turnover, profit|loss and what is the employment provided by them;

(c) whether any new public sector investment is proposed in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether Government are aware that local persons are not employed in these undertakings even when they possess the requisite qualifications and therefor even in unskilled jobs outsiders have been employed; and

(e) if so, what remedial action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Total investment in terms of Gross Block in various public sector units located in Madhya Pradesh was Rs. 8571.69 crores and total employees engaged therein were 2.82 lakhs as on 31.3.1987. Total turnover and net loss of the enterprises with their registered offices located in Madhya Pradesh were Rs. 365.82 crores and Rs. 18.40 crores in 1986-87.

(c) The 7th Five Year Plan provides for investment of Rs. 2288.37 crores in the central industrial and mineral projects in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) and (e) Public enterprises were directed as long back as in March, 1964 to notify their vacancies in the manner and form prescribed in Rule 4 of the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Rules, 1960. In this directive it was clearly stated that the need for issuing advertisements or tapping other sources of recruitment should be considered only if the Employment Exchanges were unable to meet the demand. Again in March, 1965 they were asked to ensure strict compliance with the instructions issued earlier. In the case of unskilled workers they were directed to draw from the locality where the project is situated and make every effort to give preference to persons displaced from the areas acquired for the project especially from scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

Complaints against Mandhar unit of Cement Corporation of India

3462. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints that in the Cement Corporation of India unit in Mandhar, district Raipur (Madhya Pradesh) the management has been neglecting the claims of local people for employment for unskilled jobs and persons from other States have been recruited;

(b) whether Government are aware that even those persons whose land was acquired for the factory and the mines have not been provided employment in spite of the promise made at the time of acquisition of their land; and